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## **Rep. Steffen Named Champion of Children's Health**

**Madison-** State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) was selected to receive the Children's Health Champion Award from the Oral Health Partnership (OHP) for his outstanding commitment and support of children's dental health. The award was presented during OHP's community celebration event, which highlighted many of the advances in children's oral health services.

"I am incredibly honored to have been named a Children's Health Champion by the Oral Health Partnership. OHP provides an incredible service to our community, serving thousands of children in Brown County and the surrounding areas to ensure they receive the dental care they need. As a State Representative, I am proud to have supported efforts, like the Enhanced Dental Services Reimbursement Pilot Program, aimed at increasing access to these critical dental services, especially for our most vulnerable populations," said Rep. Steffen.

The Enhanced Dental Services Reimbursement Pilot Program is a pilot program that was signed into law in July of 2015 and was fully implemented in October of 2016. The pilot includes a number of counties, including Brown County, and works to increase the reimbursement rate for dentists serving Medicaid patients. As a result of the program, OHP was able to increase its number of appointments for children by more than 4,000 in 2017, which means thousands of more preventative, diagnostic, and restorative services for area children.

"Access to proper dental care from a young age is an important issue. I am encouraged by the results of this pilot program and appreciate the hard work of the dental professionals in our community who work to meet our children's oral health care needs every day," said Rep. Steffen.

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